



Queen of Peace Newsletter



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Queen of Peace – Guiding the Way

Dear Families, Staff, Students and Friends

Next week is Catholic Education Week and we will be celebrating it with a few activities.

- Tuesday 13 March we will be holding **the Prep 2019 Enrolment Information Evening** in the school hall. New parents of the five schools in the Laverton Parish will be in attendance. Parents of Preps 2019 who already have children at Queen of Peace need not attend. Please come to the office instead on Wednesday 14 March to collect an Enrolment Pack.

- Thursday 15 March we will be having our **Welcome to the New Year** family picnic in the school grounds from 5pm – 7pm. All welcome. Looking forward to seeing you there.

- Friday 16 March a group of Year 6 students will be traveling with Suzanne Gracias and myself to celebrate mass at St Patrick's Cathedral in the city.

I hope you can join us for one or more of these great activities to show your support for what we do and for the children.

I would like to thank all parents who use the car park in the morning, for their patience and care. I have had to speak to a few parents regarding speed and for parking beside cars that are dropping off children. Safety is our number one concern during this busy time.

Thank you also to the large group of parents who attended the **Year 1 Night** on Tuesday evening, in particular to the teachers Suzanne Gracias, Margot O'Malley, Gayle Fava and Jessica Torchia.

Congratulations to all of the children who competed in the Divisional Swimming Competition yesterday. They all represented QoP well and were a credit to our school. Thank you to Christine Marshall for organizing the day and to the many parent helpers. We are currently waiting for the official results before we can publish a list of students who will compete at the Division Swimming Champs on Thursday the 15th March.

Enjoy the weekend with your family and friends

Darren Gibbons
Principal

Term 1:	Friday 2 February – Thursday 29 March
Term 2:	Monday 16 April – Friday 29 June
	Pupil Free Day Thurs 17 May
Term 3:	Monday 16 July – Friday 21 September
Term 4:	Monday 8 October – Wednesday 19 December



Merciful Father/ Loving Mother,

I know that the tiny sacrifices I
make this Lent
can never serve as a real penance in
my life.
But help me to make my whole life
one of following your Son.
I am filled with your love.
Let your love shine out from within
me
and guide my life in this sacred
journey
toward the Easter joy you offer me.

Amen

Have you changed your Mobile no? Address? Email? PLEASE INFORM SCHOOL OFFICE

Religion News

Mass for St Patricks Day Fri 16 March has been cancelled

Prayer Nights

Prep – Monday 19 March
Year 2 – Wednesday 21 March

Sacrament Family Nights 2018

Confirmation – Thursday 26 April at 7pm
Eucharist – Tuesday 17 July at 7pm
Reconciliation – Tuesday 18 September at 7pm

Sacraments for 2018

Confirmation - Sunday 27 May
First Eucharist – Sunday 12 August
Reconciliation – Thursday 18 October

Please note that these dates are currently correct but may change due to circumstances beyond our control.

Laverton Catholic Parish

Parish Office – 9369 6877 laverton@cam.org.au

Fr John Healy – Parish Priest
Tho Tran – Deacon
Sue Sherman – Secretary
Grace Gingco – Bursar
Liz Nissen – Baptism Coordinator

LAVERTON PARISH CHILDREN'S LITURGY

2nd and 4th weekend of the month (except January)
11am and 6pm at Queen of Peace 9am at Stella Maris

Laverton

St Martin de Porres	Mass	Sunday	10:00am
		Tuesday	9:15am
		Thursday	9:15am

Reconciliation by request

Altona Meadows

Queen of Peace	Mass	Saturday	9:15am
		6pm	
		Sunday	8:00am
		11:00am	
		Wednesday	9:15am
		Friday	9:15am
	Reconciliation	Saturday	10:00am–10:30am

Point Cook

Stella Maris	Mass	Sunday	9:00am
St. Mary of the Cross	Mass	Wednesday	9:00am
Lumen Christi	Mass	Thursday	9:15am
Stella Maris	Mass	Friday	9:15am



Friday 16 March we will be celebrating St Patrick's Day, the Feast of St Patrick.

Children are invited to wear a green accessory with their school uniform e.g. green top or green badge or green ribbons or socks, etc.

Peace Garden

Due to recent vandalism in the Peace Garden, it is no longer available for general use such as children playing and people sitting to chat. The Peace Garden is to be used only for prayer and reflection. – Fr John

Food Allergies

Allergies are becoming more prevalent in our society. Anaphylaxis is a severe, rapidly progressive allergic reaction that is potentially life threatening. Minimising risk protects vulnerable children and reduces opportunities for incidents. **We ask that all families avoid sending peanut butter, other nut products (this includes Nutella) as well as egg sandwiches in your child's recess/lunch box.** We discourage sharing of food. If your child is diagnosed with anaphylaxis please contact the office.

FlexiBuzz App

In a major effort to become more sustainable and use far less paper, we will be using the FlexiBuzz App more this year to communicate to the whole community. Paper newsletters will be phased out during the year and will no longer be available in the Foyer. It will be shared via Flexibuzz and uploaded onto the school website. Please make sure you have downloaded the App so you can receive updates. Instructions about how to download it have been sent through CareMonkey.

PARISH OF LAVERTON

PREP 2019 PARENT INFORMATION MEETING

If you are considering enrolling your child in a Catholic Primary school in Laverton, Altona Meadows or Point Cook, we invite you to come along and join us at the Parish of Laverton Enrolment Meeting

Tuesday 13 March at 7pm

QUEEN OF PEACE PRIMARY SCHOOL (HALL)

Information about school and Parish boundaries and the enrolment process will be shared.

Enrolment packs will be available for collection after the meeting

Parents of preps 2019 who already have children at Queen of Peace need not attend. Please come to the office instead on Wednesday 14 March to collect an Enrolment Pack.

District Swimming Carnival

On Tuesday the 6th of March, swimmers from Queen of Peace went to the district school swimming carnival at Werribee outdoor pool. We had amazing weather. It was great to see the sportsmanship and the determination of our Queen of Peace swimmers. We wish all the swimmers who made it through to the next round all the best of luck.

– Adam M, 6A

Last week, a number of selected children from years 3 to 6 took part in a swimming carnival, competing against children from other schools in the district. All children gave their all, with some amazing results. Congratulations to all the children involved on their fantastic efforts. Special mention to Mia M of grade 1 who came 2nd in the Girls' Championship race and to Adam M (photo at right) of grade 6 who placed 1st in the Boys' Championship race.

– Loren O'Toole



Queen of Peace is very proud of their efforts and behaviour at the Swimming Carnival. Congratulations to the following students who have qualified to swim at the Division Swimming Carnival on Thursday next week:

**Adam M, Zack H, Massimo F, Lachlan S, Colin L,
Matthew J, Lauren P, Jack H, Mia M, Summer L,
Tylah M, Natalie P, Jennifer C, Stephanie H,
Izabella M, Cameron H, Riley S, Matthew B.**

Book Club

Please return orders to school no later than Weds 14 March. Unfortunately late orders cannot be accepted. Last year the school earned \$1182 in scholastic rewards which has been used to purchase learning resources for the school. Thank you for your support.

QoP Uniform Shop

Open Fridays 2:30-3:30pm. Orders can be left with the school office if you are unable to attend at this time. Also open Monday 19 March 2-3pm. Returns will only be accepted with receipt. Please click on the link for the QoP: [Uniform Policy](#)



Collecting children early

To avoid disruption to classrooms, if children need to be collected early they should be picked up at the lunch break **(at 1:30pm Monday or 1:40pm Tuesday to Friday)**. It is also very disruptive for classes and the office to be passing on messages to children in the afternoons. It would be appreciated if these interruptions could be kept to a minimum.

Story time for Pre schoolers

Every Thursday at 9am in the School Library with Mrs Favata. Come along for some stories, singing, and activities!

Look at what we made in Storytime!



Student Awards

Prep A	Lotus T	For terrific writing.
	Claire H	For always including others.
Prep B	Jeremy N	For becoming more confident and joining in class activities.
	Lucinda P	For an excellent start in Prep by always following school rules.
Prep C	Riya B	For being a friendly member of the classroom.
Year 1A	Jackson M	For his fantastic improvement and great effort in reading.
Year 1B	Madison B	For consistently reading every night.
	Rohan S	For reading beautifully at the Grade 1 Prayer Night.
Year 1C	Elijah T	For reading confidently and clearly at the Year 1 Prayer Night.
	Anna C	For working hard to improve her reading skills.
Year 2A	Kristine T	For being a responsible class member and consistently striving to achieve her best.
Year 2B		
Year 2C	Amalija D	For trying very hard in maths at all times.
	Nixon A	For reading writing and making numbers into the thousands
	Jessica B	For being more like Jesus and caring for the needy.
Year 3A	Sarah R	For constantly putting in 100% in all she does. We are so proud of you.
Year 3B	Dietrich N	For his great work during our maths investigation about odd and even numbers.
	Marcus V	For using various strategies to solve addition equations during our maths investigation.
Year 3C	Braxton G	For his good explanation of odd and even numbers.
Year 4A	Kai A	For his dedication in working out a THRASS codeword as part of Literacy rotations
	Georgia Z	For her perseverance to understand how numbers can be broken up in many ways
Year 4B	Ava A	For continually challenging at school and sharing her ideas in class.
Year 4C	Isabella J	For her contributions to class discussions.
Year 5A	Zachariah R	For fantastic subtraction using re-grouping!
Year 5B	Thomas G	For always volunteering to share his thoughts and ideas during class discussions.
	Giselle A	For always giving things a go and having a positive growth mindset.
Year 5C	Lachlan N	For using algebraic thinking to solve inverse problems.
Year 6A	Alannah D	For writing a fabulous biography.
Year 6B	Tony B	For his amazing work in maths.
	Gabrielle D	For always working to the best of her ability.
Year 6C	Zach C	For his amazing work and effort when completing tasks.



President's Report

Wow the term is more than half over, great to see our kids settling in, catching up with friends and making new ones as well.

Each fortnight in the President's report I want to keep you up to date on what's happening in the school whether it be opportunities to get involved, catch up socially or just celebrate our successes together. So let's get to it:

- *Walk of Witness Day (Thursday 29th March) is coming up – the kids love getting dressed up and getting involved in this re-enactment of the Easter story. It's also a great opportunity for parents, grandparents, family and friends to join us on the walk. Each year we support this through preparing Hot Cross Buns for the students. Order forms for the Hot Cross Buns will be coming home in school bags tonight, with the opportunity to get involved and volunteer some time coming through on Care Monkey.*

- *Save the date for the Altona Bunnings BBQ on Sunday 29th April. An easy two hours of serving sausages and meeting other parents, plus imagine how proud your kids will be that you are supporting their school. More information to come in the following newsletter.*

- *Great to see the excitement and buzz in the school about our first Fete in over 20 years coming up in Term 4. The Fete team Facebook page is up and running at "QoP Fete in the Meadows". With a little bit of support from each family we can create a memorable experience for our kids – a goal I'm sure we all support. Food, jumping castles, old school crafts, art, rides – I wish I was a kid again. There will be plenty of opportunities to help, keep a look out in our newsletters for updates and don't be afraid to volunteer.*

The next P&F Committee Meeting is coming up on Tuesday 20th March. On behalf of all the Committee I extend you a warm invite and look forward to seeing you there. If you are not able to attend and wish to receive the minutes please email pandf@gopaltomameadows.catholic.edu.au.

Teresa Prisma
P&F President 2018

Our visit to Government House

I went to the Governor's house on the 1st of March..The people who organised everything were Sue and Phil. When we got there a lady took us on a tour. Finbar, Nico, Rosie and I were included in the tour. Almost everything was made of real gold and we saw pictures of Governor's and Queen Elizabeth. Brandon the tennis coach said in every single photo we had to do the special wave that the Queen waves. Every single room is very special. They had a vegetable patch too. We got to play tennis on the Governor's tennis courts and I played against Finbar. – Rianna Q, 3A

Rianna and I went on a Thursday. We went on a tour of the house. My favorite part of the house was the picture room. This is because it was posh. When Rianna and I were playing tennis we had lots of fun. When tennis was over we had some snacks. Then the day was over.

- Finbar H, 3A

Below: Rianna Q & Nico Q, Finbar H & Rose H



Commbank School Banking

School banking day is every **TUESDAY**. Any new students to the program will receive your student number with your first deposit at school. The process for school banking is as follows: Students bring in their deposit books with their money on a Tuesday morning, give them to their classroom teacher, where it is then sent to the office in the note tub to be banked. Students receive a Dollarmites token each time they bank. Once they have 10 tokens, they can then send them in with their next deposit to redeem the tokens for a reward.

When redeeming your reward, make sure you only choose from the Term 1 rewards at this stage.



Get ready for a Super Savers adventure with School Banking.

This year in School Banking, your child will join the Dollarmites on a Super Savers adventure, developing strong savings skills.

School Banking encourages children to learn the value of saving and rewards those who demonstrate a regular savings behaviour.

New Super Savers reward items.

Introducing an exciting new range of reward items with two released every term.

Available in Term 1:

- Twister Power Handball
- Secret Scratch Notepad.

Your child can redeem one of these rewards, while stocks last, after making 10 School Banking deposits.

A chance to win a family trip to Hawaii.

Students who truly are Super Savers will have the chance to win a family trip to Honolulu, Hawaii, staying 7 nights at the Sheraton Waikiki Resort, plus AU\$2,000 spending money.

To enter, students simply make 15 or more School Banking deposits before the end of Term 3 2018, and they will automatically enter the Super Savers Grand Prize Competition.

To find out more about School Banking, or explore fun activity sheets for your child, visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

Remember, with the CommBank Youth app, it's easy for your child to monitor the Dollarmites tokens they earn when making School Banking deposits and track their savings. Available to download from the App Store on any iOS9+ device.

Things you should know: The "Super Savers Grand Prize Competition" (Promotion) is conducted by the Commonwealth Bank of Australia (ABN 40 123 123 124) of Level 30, 11 Harbour Street, Sydney NSW 2000. The Promotion starts at 9am AEST on 22/01/18 and closes at 11.59pm AEST on 28/09/18. Entry is open to Australian residents aged 4-13 years only who have made 15 separate School Banking deposits into their CommBank "YouthSaver" account during the Promotion period. Eligible entrants will be automatically entered into the draw. Maximum 1 entry per person. The first eligible entry randomly drawn will win a trip to Honolulu, Hawaii, USA for two adults and up to three children aged 17 years and under, including 7 nights accommodation and \$2,000 AUD spending money, valued at \$17,695 AUD. Terms and conditions apply. The draw will take place at 12pm AEST on 10/10/18 at the address above. The winner will be notified by telephone and email, and will be published online at commbank.com.au/schoolbanking and in The Australian on 17/10/18. Winner must claim the prize by 15/01/19 or the prize will be forfeited. The prize will be awarded to the winner's nominated parent or guardian. Conditions apply to accepting the prize. Full terms and conditions available from commbank.com.au/schoolbanking Authorised under NSW Permit No. 1395/1710315, ACT Permit No. ACT 3P 1701989 and SA Permit No. 17171878.



SCHOOL FETE SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Do you own or work for a business and would like an opportunity to promote it, while supporting your school community? Or are you a family in our school community who would like to generously support the major fundraiser for your child's school in 2018?

Then we look forward to your generous support, helping to make the Queen of Peace Parish Primary School **"FETE IN THE MEADOWS"** a great success on **19th October 2018**.

Before the end of this term, each family in the school will receive a fete Sponsorship Package. This package requests local businesses and school families to commit to providing sponsorship to our school fete (in the form of cash, goods, and services). This includes requests for business donations to raffles, spinning wheel and silent auctions. Please take the time to check out the various sponsorship levels and their associated benefits when sponsorship packages become available. Please note: if you do not own a business and would like to loan support to this cause, we will still gratefully receive financial or in-kind support from you.

We would be happy to discuss how our school can in turn publicly recognise your support. Please email the QoP Fete Committee on: fete@qopaltonameadows.catholic.edu.au if you have any questions about fete sponsorship once forms are sent out.

Watch out for the Sponsorship Packages, coming to you in your child's school bag soon! We hope to promote your business to our community this year!

SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT OUR FETE. BECOME A FAN BY FOLLOWING US ON FACEBOOK.



CANTEEN ROSTER

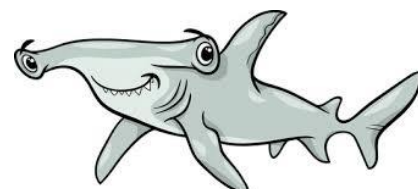
Please contact the school office if you are unable to attend on your rostered day, thank you.

Mon 12 March	Tues 13 March	Weds 14 March	Thurs 15 March	Fri 16 March
PUBLIC HOLIDAY	Michelle R	Poppy N Elizabeth B	Jessie & Samuel N Frank S	Gina P
Mon 19 March	Tues 20 March	Weds 21 March	Thurs 22 March	Fri 23 March
Sal	Deb		Belinda N Bridget H	Naomi P

Hammerheads Swimming Squad

Runs in Term 4 and Term 1 every year.

Wednesday and Friday mornings 7am to 8am at the Laverton Swimming Pool. Students may train one or both days. The parent/guardian of each child is responsible for transportation of the child to and from the pool. There is no cost to parents. The swimming squad is not an official school activity and is organised and run by parents. Parents/guardians are required to be present during training. If you have any further queries, please contact Tina 0422 575 393 or Cheryl 0419 205 243

**News from Emmanuel College***"Meet the Principal" school tours:**Notre Dame Campus, Thurs 15 March, commencing 9:00am**For more information phone 8325 5119 or email enrolments@ecmelb.catholic.edu.au***News Mount St Joseph Girls' College**

You're invited to join a student-led tour, meet the Principal and see learning in action in the classrooms. Next open morning will be held Thursday 15 March 9:15 – 10:30am. Year 7 2020 enrolment applications due 3 August 2018.

Italian Language Classes

Associazione Culturale L'Aurora hold classes at Lumen Christi on Saturday afternoons for students in Prep to Year 12. For further information visit www.lauraschool.com.au phone 9898 4707 or email laurora@optusnet.com.au



Dear Queen of Peace Parents

Can you please ensure you book your children online

www.oshclub.com.au as this enables us to have adequate staffing, you avoid the late booking fee and we are aware which children should attend the program. Please update your Child's medical condition online if any. Further, any children who have Allergies, asthma, anaphylaxis MUST

have their Action Plan duly signed by the Doctor. Please submit the document when your child first attends the Program.

queenofpeace@oshclub.com.au **OSHC program phone: 0421 287 254** Coordinator: Geeta Ankhi. Assistants: Antoinette Kelly & Bridget Sherrin. OSHClub Head Office phone: 8564 9000 OSH information. *All families must be enrolled to attend the program - it is free to enrol. Please create an account online at www.oshclub.com.au All bookings and cancellations can be managed via your online account. **For on the day bookings, please contact the Coordinator 0421 287 254***



- For boys and girls
- 5 x 1 hour sessions
- Monday Nights: 19th March, 26th March, 16th April, 23rd April, 30th April
- 5.30 – 6.30pm
- PJ Lynch Reserve (behind Bayfit) Mason Street, Altona North
- \$50 per child

Registrations and further information at www.quickstixlacrosse.com.au